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SUBJECT SECURITY COUNCIL - BOTSWANA'S COMPLAINT

1. THE JANUARY 18 ISSUE OF BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS CARRIED FOLLOWING
"PRESS RELEASES" ISSUED BY OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE
FIRST LOCALLY-GENERATED OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE UNSC VOTE
BEGIN TEXT

ON JANUARY 13 THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMED ITS DEBATE ON BOTSWANA'S
COMPLAINT AGAINST PROVOCATION AND AGRESSION BY ILLEGAL MINORITY
REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

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THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ZAMBIA H.S. MWALE OPENED THE DEBATE
BY DECLARING COMPLETE SOLIDARITY WITH AND SUPPORT FOR BOTSWANA,
A COUNTRY ZAMBIA ADMIRES FOR ITS DEDICATION TO THE AIMS AND OBJEC-
TIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND TO THE LIBERATION OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE STATED THAT THE COMPLAINT OF BOTSWANA WAS
" YET ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF THE OVERGROWING THREAT TO INTER

NATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY WHICH THE WHITE RACIST MINORITY REGIMES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA REPRESENT."

THE MINISTER REFERRING TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON ZIMBABWE SAID - "ONE HEARS ARGUMENTS BY CERTAIN HYPOCRITES THAT THIS IMPORTANT MEETING ON BOTSWANA COULD JEOPARDISE THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. SUCH IS STRANGE AND DANGEROUS LOGIC. THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WAS INTENDED TO BE AND REMAINS AN EXTENSION OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE AND ACTION AGAINST THE SMITH REGIME REMAINS AS GREAT AS EVER BEFORE. SMITH HAS NEVER BEEN RESPECTABLE. "HE IS NOT RESPECTABLE NOW AND ANY ATTEMPT TO MAKE HIM RESPECTABLE SHOULD BE RESISTED. HE REMAINS A REBEL AND HE MUST CONTINUE TO BE TREATED AS SUCH."

THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER OF TANZANIA ALSO INTERVENED IN THE DEBATE EXPRESSING COMPLETE SOLIDARITY WITH BOTSWANA IN ITS HOUR OF NEED. EXPRESSING SIMILAR SENTIMENTS TO THOSE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ZAMBIA, HE STATED THAT IT WAS APPROPRIATE THAT BOTSWANA HAD TAKEN ITS CASE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL SO THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHOULD KNOW "THAT THIS FREEDOM AND PEACE LOVING STATE IS TODAY A VICTIM OF SUCH DESTARDLY ACTS OF AGGRESSION SIMPLY DUE TO ITS FAITHFUL AND UNFAILING COMMITMENT TO THE CHARTER OF OUR ORGANISATION, AND THE DECISIONS OF ITS VARIOUS ORGANS AND MORE EXPRESSLY THE DECISIONS OF THIS VERY COUNCIL".

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA SPOKE STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF
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BOTSWANA'S COMPLAINT ARGUING THAT THE PRESENT VICIOUS ATTACKS AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME WERE NO MORE THAN "DEATH BED" ATTEMPTS TO CLING TO POWER. HE STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE ATTACKS OF THE SMITH REGIME AGAINST BOTSWANA AND CALLED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO BOTSWANA.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SIERRA LEONE ALSO STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE ATTACKS AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE SMITH REGIME. SHE SAID THAT IT WAS "IMPORTANT FOR THIS COUNCIL TO NOTE THAT THESE LATEST ATTACKS WERE CARRIED OUT WHILE THE CONFERENCE ON ZIMBABWE WAS ON IN GENEVA, WHICH CLEARLY SHOWS THE INSINCERITY OF THE SMITH REGIME IN ITS ACCEPTANCE OF MAJORITY RULE."

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA CHARGED THAT THE ATTACKS ON BOTSWANA BY IAN SMITH'S REGIME WERE IN FACT ACTS OF AGGRESSION AS DEFINED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA BOTH SYMPATHISED WITH BOTSWANA BUT STRESSED THE VIEW OF

THEIR COUNTRIES THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD ACT IN A MANNER THAT WOULD ASSIST THE CURRENT EFFORTS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TO FIND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM.

OTHERS WHO SPOKE IN THE DEBATE WERE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF RUMANIA, LESOTHO, PANAMA, YUGOSLAVIA AND KENYA. THEY ALL SUPPORTED BOTSWANA'S CASE AND CALLED UPON THE COUNCIL TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO BOTSWANA'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. THE DEBATE IS EC EXPECTED TO RESUME LATER TODAY.

ON 14TH JANUARY 1977 THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONCLUDED ITS DEBATE ON BOTSWANA'S COMPLAINT AGAINST THE RECENT VIOLATIONS OF ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. THE RESOLUTION WAS COSPONSORED BY BENIN, INDIA, LIBYA, MAURITIUS, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, ROMANIA AND VENEZUELA ALL OF WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.
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THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION BY 13 VOTES TO NIL WITH TWO S ABSTENTIONS - THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE U.S.A.

THE RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMS THE PROVOCATIO PROVOCATIVE ACTS OF THE SMITH REGIME AGAINST BOTSWANA, REAFFIRMED THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE TO INDEPENDENCE, AND REQUESTS THE SEC RETARY GENERAL TO ORGANISE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT FINANCIAL AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA. IT ALSO ACCEPTED MINISTER MOGWE S INVITATION TO DISPATCH A MISSION TO BOTSWANA TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY IN CARRYING OUT ITS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

IN EXPLANATION OF THEIR VOTE THE U.S. AND THE U.K. STATED THAT THEY ABSTAINED IN ORDER NOT TO JEOPARDISE THE IVOR RICHARD MISSION.

IN HIS REMARKS FOLLOWING THE VOTE MINISTER MOGWE EXPRESSED BOTSWANA'S EXTREME DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE DECISION OF THE U.K. AND THE U.S.A. HE QUESTIONED THE LOGIC OF SACRIFICING THE SECURITY OF BOTSWANA FOR THE SAKE OF THE RICHARD MISSION. HE ADDED HOWEVER THAT HE HOPED THAT MR. RICHARD'S MISSION WOULD SUCCEED AS RESULT OF THE ABSTENTION, FOR IF IT FAILED THEN THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA WOULD NEVER FORGET THE DECISION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO SURBORDINATE BOTSWANA'S INTERESTS TO THE RICHARD MISSION.

THE MINISTER THEN EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND APPRECIATION TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHO VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION AND TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DEBATE.

THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WHO VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION ARE:
BENIN, CHINA, CANADA, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMAN, INDIA, MAURITIUS, LIBYA, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, ROMANIA, USSR AND VENEZUELA.

FOLLOWING THE VOTE THE U.S. SECRETARY GENERAL ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL
AND SAID THAT HE WOULD DISPATCH A MISSION TO BOTSWANA AS EARLY
AS POSSIBLE TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY.

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PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL'S VOTE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING
COUNTRIES SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF BOTSWANA'S CASE: MOZAMBIQUE, FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, SOMALIA, FRANCE, NIGERIA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC, CUBA, PAKISTAN, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, MALI AND THE SOVIET
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